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'India engaging Russia, Ukraine to find peace'
Highlighting India's unique position, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said it is having conversations about ending the conflict with each of the two sides and keeping each apprised of what the other side is saying. He said to end the war, there must be serious negotiations between the two, and these talks aim to initiate that. "We don't believe that a solution is going to come from the battlefield," Jaishankar said during an interaction at an event.

MAHALAKSHMI CASE

Prime suspect hangs self outside home in Odisha

ASISH MEHTA @ Bhubaneswar

IN a bizarre turn of events, Mukti Ranjan Ray, the prime suspect in the sensational Mahalakshmi murder case, allegedly died by suicide outside his house in Bhadrak district, Odisha, on Wednesday, even as a Karnataka Police team was looking for him in that state's region bordering West Bengal.

Ray's body was found hanging from a tree. He is believed to have used a rope to end his life. Later in the evening, police recovered a note from his house in which he had reportedly confessed to killing the woman, police sources said.

The maggot-infested dismembered body of Mahalakshmi was found stashed in the refrigerator at her home in Bengaluru's Vyalkaval on September 21, after neighbours complained of a stench emanating from the flat. She had reportedly been chopped into 59 pieces. **P3**

'Victim was stabbed'

Mahalakshmi reportedly died of stab injuries, said sources on the condition of anonymity. "She was allegedly fatally stabbed in her chest and abdomen, which claimed her life," sources added. **P3**

LOKAYUKTA PROBE AGAINST SIDDU, FAMILY IN MUDA CASE

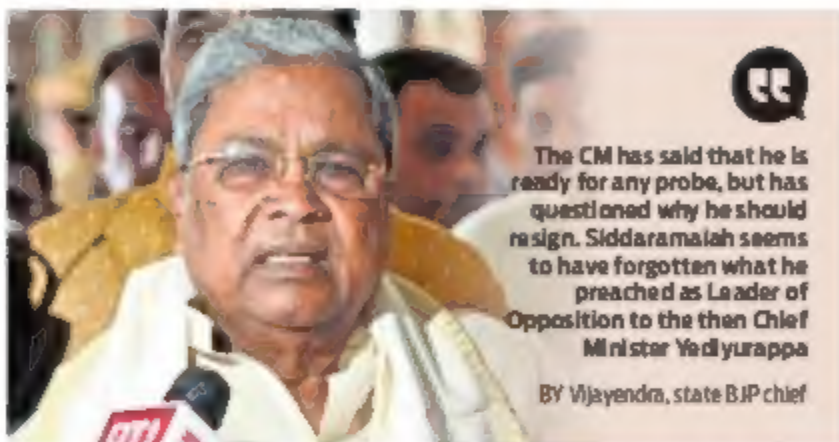
Spl Court also orders registration of case under Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Act

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE Special Court to try cases against sitting and former MPs/MLAs on Wednesday directed Lokayukta police to investigate allegations against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah involving illegal allotment of 14 compensatory sites to his wife Parvathy BM by Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA). Lokayukta police were asked to investigate the complaint and submit a report to the court within three months.

The court also directed Superintendent of Police (SP), Mysuru Division, of Karnataka Lokayukta, to register a case under the provisions of the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988, and Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Act, 2011. This is in addition to provisions under Indian Penal Code sections 120B (conspiracy), 166 (disobeying law), 403 (misappropriation), 406 (breach of trust), 420 (cheating), 426 (mischievous), 465 (forgery), 468 (forgery of electronic record), 340 (wrongful confinement), 351 (use of criminal force) and other relevant sections of the IPC, under Section 9 (bribing public servant) and 13 (criminal misconduct) of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

This comes a day after the Karnataka High Court gave its nod to Governor Thawarchand



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah arrives for a meeting at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADDEKAL

and Gehlot's approval to conduct a probe into the MUDA case, and the alleged illegal allotment of 14 sites to Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathy.

The special court also registered a private complaint against the Chief Minister, Parvathy, his brother-in-law Mallikarjuna Swamy, one Devaraju J and others, in connection with the illegal allotment of compensatory sites to his wife by MUDA.

The case pertains to 14 sites worth Rs 56 crore being allotted to Parvathy in upscale Vijayanagar 3rd Stage for land acquired at Kesare village, a downmarket area on the outskirts of Mysuru, with Siddaramaiah allegedly taking undue advantage when in power.

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READY TO FACE PROBE, SAYS CM

CM Siddaramaiah on Wednesday reiterated that he is prepared to face any probe in the MUDA site allotment case and will continue the legal fight. After getting the copy of the order by the Special Court for Elected Representatives, he would discuss the next course of action with the legal team, the CM said. "We are prepared to face any investigation. We are not scared of investigation and are prepared for the legal fight," the CM said, while reacting to the special court order. **P4**

SC tells courts to avoid misogynistic remarks

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday warned courts across India against making remarks that could be construed as "misogynistic" or directed towards a certain "gender or community".

"Courts, therefore, have to be careful not to make comments in the course of judicial proceedings which may be construed as being misogynistic or for that matter prejudicial to any segment of our society," a five-judge bench of the court said while closing the suo motu proceedings over Karnataka High Court Judge Justice V. Srihananda's alleged objectionable comments during his one of his court hearings.

The bench headed by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud advised judges to conduct proceedings conscious of the wider impact of casual observations

on the community at large.

In video clips that went viral on social media, Justice Srihananda was seen making some objectionable comments against a woman lawyer when she intervened in an ongoing hearing. The bench said it refrained from any further proceedings against Justice Srihananda considering that he had apologised, and to maintain the dignity of the judicial system.

Regarding Justice Srihananda's remarks calling an area in Bengaluru as 'Pakistan', the bench said, "No one can call any part of India as Pakistan. It is fundamentally against the territorial integrity of the nation."

The bench also rejected demands by various sections of the Bar to halt the live streaming of Karnataka High Court proceedings. The demands were raised citing misuse of court videos on social media.

EXPRESS READ

Over 56% turnout in 2nd phase of J&K polls

Srinagar: The second phase of polling in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls saw a voter turnout of over 56% on Wednesday, with the democratic exercise passing off peacefully amid tight security. There was significant participation in key constituencies in 26 seats. **P10**

Kangana does U-turn on farm law jibes

New Delhi: BJP MP Kangana Ranaut on Wednesday backtracked from her comments asking for the three farm laws repealed in 2021 to be brought back, once again finding herself in the middle of a political row, with the ruling party distancing itself from her remarks. **P9**

50 DRUGS INCLUDING PARACETAMOL AND PAIN D FAIL QUALITY TEST

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation issued a 'Not of Standard Quality' alert for over 50 medicines. Telma H, Glimepiride and Shalcal Care among them | **P9**

Landslide: Skeletal remains in truck cabin found

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Shirur (Uttara Kannada)

FOLLOWING a 72-day-long search, the cabin belonging to the truck of Kerala native Arjun, who went missing following a devastating landslide at Shirur in Ankola taluk of Uttara Kannada district, was finally recovered from the Gangavali River on

Wednesday. Authorities mentioned that skeletal remains found inside the cabin could be of Arjun, a Kozhikode native, but DNA tests will have to be conducted to confirm the same.

The wreckage was found after an intensive search operation, involving divers, who resumed the third phase of search operations earlier this

week. "The search team managed to look for the cabin of the truck, which was fished out around 4 pm. Munaf, the truck's owner, identified it as belonging to his vehicle," an official said.

Munaf thanked Uttara Kannada DC Lakshmi Priya, MLA Satish Krishna Sail and SP M. Narayan for their efforts in tracing the missing truck. **P5**



Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Govt. of Karnataka



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Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Govt. of Karnataka

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Sri M.B. Patil, Hon'ble Minister for Large & Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, GoK, explaining the concept of KWIN City to Hon'ble Chief Minister.



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